GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3073
ANSWERED ON:07.12.2001
ATROCITIES ON SC/STS
AVSM, BRIG.(RETD.) KAMAKHYA PRASAD SINGH DEO;NANDIPAKU VENKATASWAMY;RAGHUNATH JHA;RAMSHETH THAKUR;S. AJAYA KUMAR

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether atrocities on the SC/STs are on the rise in various parts of the country; and

(b) if so, the number of such incidents reported during each of the last three years, State-wise and the steps taken by the Government to prevent such incidents?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a)&(b)As per the report sent by the States/UTs, total number of cases reportedly registered under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 have gone down from 28441 cases during the calendar year 1997 to 27561 cases during 1998. The number of State/UT wise cases registered under the said Act during 1996, 1997 and 1998 are enclosed.

The Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 have been enacted for eradicating practice of untouchability in any form and preventing atrocities against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes by persons other than Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes.Central Assistance is being provided to States/UTs on 50:50 and 100% basis respectively for implementation of these Acts, provision of legal aid, appointment of officers for initiating or exercising supervision over prosecution, setting up Special Cells, Special Courts, conducting periodic surveys, identification of atrocity prone areas and providing relief and rehabilitation to victims/dependents of atrocity victims.

Implementation of provisions of these acts is being reviewed from time to time and State Governments/Union Territory Administrations are being pursed for taking appropriate action in this regard.

ANNEXURE

Statement in regard to parts (a) & (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.3073 for answer on 07.12.2001. Number of cases registered under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 during the year 1996,1997 and 1998.

S.No.	States/UTs	1996	1997	1998
1.	Andhra Pradesh	547	698	540
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	Nil	Nil	Nil
3.	Assam	1	2	Nil
4	Bihar	NA	NA	1407
5.	Goa	1	1	2
6.	Gujarat	2030	2122	2138
7	Haryana	16	32	32
8.	Himachal Pradesh	19	17	15
9.	Karnataka	1253	1192	1279
10.	Kerala	558	756	716
11.	Madhya Pradesh	5066	4292	4138
12.	Maharashtra	1919	1114	1069

13.	Manipur	Nil	Nil 2
14.	Meghalaya	Nil	Nil Nil
15.	Mizoram	Nil	Nil Nil
16.	Nagaland	Nil	Nil Nil
17.	Orissa	1138	1180 1332
18.	Punjab	3	5 17
19.	Rajasthan	1127	6994 6858
20.	Sikkim	1	1 Nil
21.	Tamil Nadu	721	757 897
22.	Tripura	Nil	Nil Nil
23.	Uttar Pradesh	11570	9236 7095
24.	West Bengal	26	25 15
25.	A & Nicobar Islands	Nil	2 Nil
26.	Chandigarh	1	Nil Nil
27.	Daman & Diu	5	1 Nil
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1	1 1
29.	Delhi	1	13 7
30.	Lakshadweep	Nil	Nil Nil
31.	Pondicherry	Nil	Nil 1
	TOTAL	26,002	28,441 27,561

Note: 1. NA - Not available.
2. The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 does not extend in the State of Jammu & Kashmir. 7